I breakfasted with Mrs. A. Andante was her cue; A slumberous spell was over me-I was andante too! I called on beauteous Mrs. B. That tender little sprite; And I was tender, basking in

Her sympathetic light.

The next I saw was Mrs. C. Who carps at all you say; To me it did not seem quite right To let her have her way. But O, far worse is Mrs. S: I don't know what she does-I only know that when with her

All goodness from me goes.

I had to call on Mrs. E, So empty and so weak; But when with her I'd naught to say, And therefore—could not speak! There's F, the "fanciographer," Who's posted on the "Nile"-Or thinks he is—and when he speaks, Evokes a billious smile.

I dined with dearest Mrs. G. So graceful and so good; She draws out what is best in me-By some not understood. But soon there comes in Mrs. H. That high and haughty dame; And while with her I talk of naught But power and pride and fame!

And then there's that impertinent. That egotistic I. 'Twere prudent, perhaps, to say no more; To home it comes too nigh, You know old J—that jolly J Whose always making jokes, Of course you cannot talk with him As unto other folks!

I just met K-magnanimous As Knight of chivalry. All mean and sordid things I spurn, When K I chance to see There's little laughing Mrs. L. Who laugh all o'er when met, An honest laugh; so, when with her, How can I sigh or fret?

O dear! there's M-a magnate too-A mandarin in lore; On books and manuscripts I dote, When he displays his store. Then Mr. N, so kind and wise, Comes in to my relief; He says these studies are all wrong-Our life here is too brief.

But Mr. O, the orator, Whom everybody knows, He throws me into throes! I took my tea with pious P; She made me feel so sweet. I do not think I'd know myself, If I myself should meet!

O, bless me! what is this I've done? More than I should I've said; If I keep on at such a speed, I soon would reach to Z. But this I'll say of Mrs. S, She stings you till you're blue; And when with her-I hate to own-I feel like stinging too!

And of that empire U I'd speak, And young and yearning Y. You must not say I've slighted "you!" But echo answers "Why?"*

Am I a modern Proteus, To change where'er I go? I'm sure I'm not a hypocrit: My friends all answer, "No!"

· If the reader will carefully examine ply, "Very well, I thank you."



THE TWO VAGABONDS

Chapter II. [CONTINUED.] Will I? Not if I know it.

pendent upon the charity of an uncle, lars. and discontented. Well?

on a high stool in his counting-house, sense, Con replied,— I've made up my mind that I won't do, than he was. come what may. Don't blame you.

ther.

Hold on! What do you want? How much are you worth?

first came here. remnant of a fine fortune—and we will nership, and begin the old business. Boat ahoy, you land-lubber! Are ed off with less.

meet?

as the grave, on this subject. leaving Con stretched out on the green Agreed! replied Bill.

Chapter III.

the whole school, Con departed as mys-immediately started, followed by Bill, the wheel, went to the ship's side, and The wages is eight shillings a week. teriously as he had come. Shortly after, for a cheap lodging house at which he leaning over the railing peered, with his What d'ye say, Bill? had taken, or anything concerning his call on the captain of the steamboat up-whereabouts.

The first thing he did was to to the leeward; and as there was a stiff on which he had formerly vended and seaward breeze blowing, she had crept come along, than. And he led them

With them he was closeted for some ty low ebb. time. As soon as they emerged from their consultation with the doctor, these did not crown their efforts, and it was all was playing them false.

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pired that the object of their absence ed to do likewise. had, in every case, availed nothing.

formed interesting topics of conversation. to Con, and said,-Dr. Marchmont had written immediately Twenty dollars left of the fifty we vidual by the pigtail, and, giving him a jous. One hot, summer day, they sailed to Bill's uncle, informing him of his started with. nephew's escapade, and received a note By thunder! That's too bad. Let' in reply containing a check for the a-give up the biz, sell out our stock, and stop there, but began pounding, shaking to do, they saw the sights of London, mount due for Bill's schooling, and de strike for California. nouncing that individual as an "un- I'm agreeable, responded Bill.

ungrateful rascal," had, meanwhile, After considerable difficulty they pro made good use of his time. As both cured situations as cattle-drivers on a Bill and himself were well acquainted large train of permanent settlers, who above the shouts of the sailors, with the streets and localities of that were taking a considerable amount of great maalstrom ol life, New York City, stock with them to their new homes.

at the cost of fifty cents per day. Having procured some sort of a home resolved to go to sea, as common sailors, Con told Bill to look around and enjoy and thus see "the world." With this moment, for the pirates began crowding on account of his high temper. The this verse, he will find that my echo differs from that celebrated Irish echo which, fairs. Bill felt rather inclined to take bound for China.

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things, on account of his previous ex-sickness had passed off, and they had they clambered on to the deck of the perience. After satisfying himself learnt the ropes," were as merry as "Macao," waving their weapons, and The servants want to put me down,

who is kind and liberal enough, but so Bill, when he heard of the president's and the remainder of the crew were be- for worthier game. But it was all in cold and distant as to make me uahappy last act of charity, blamed Con severely low, our two friends discovered a light vain. The sailors who survived the for taking the money, and insisted that bearing down upon them; the vessel from conflict were either forced into the water, he should return it; to which, as he con-whence it came was off their starboard or captured by the pirates. Among the AND CONCEPTION BAY SEMI-And, besides, he wants to stick me up sidered it, a sentimental piece of non-bow.

old ledgers and day books-something he was a boy, and we ain't any better lights up; yet the junk, as he now dis- the scene of the affray.

That's true; but, you see, I don't course.

Why do you object to my company, Then don't you use it. I'll take good of the deck of what he had see. After Our mariners drifted about until care that it's all spent. But you'll taking a survey of affairs, the officer morning, when they were picked up by Don't any more. Get ready as soon have to get over this squeamishness, said,—

Never you fear! I'll be on hand. Now That's just it, and the sooner the bet-ing us so near port. I don't think it San Francisco. They lost their wages I guess I'll go and get my traps toge-ter. You couldn't have a better chance can be; nevertheless, I will hail her and for the voyage, and also the money they Well, I suppose it is so, said Bill, as No answer.

he thought how scanty their funds were. That's bad. I'll try again. Boat living. Now, the next thing to be done, said aboy! I have saved up six dollars since I Con, who was anxious to change the No answer this time. Considerably enough money to see China well, and subject, is to start for St. Louis; for I exasperated, the officer, exerting his then get out of this, said Con. Add that to my twenty—the only have determined to take you into part-lungs to the utmost, yelled,—

have thirty. Some rich men have start- We'll have to keep dark here for a few you asleep? days, until the thing blows over at the It was as still as death. The officer They both turned, and beheld a short, All right; I'll get it, and have it doctor's, and then we'll put for the Miscursed soundly, and started for the cap-puffy, florid-faced little Englishman. with me to-morrow. Where shall we sissippi. I'll get our stock in St. Louis, tain's cabin, while Con stood talking from old friends. Let's have some fun with a group of sailors who had gathered At the depot. Be sure and keep quiet in the meantime. I'll take five dollars around him.

Chapter IV.

Dr. Marchmont turned very pale when obtain permission for Bill and himself to quite close to the stranger before the pi-to a neat, but not georgeous establishhe read the note, but, controlling his resume the old business. He then bought lot succeeded in righting her. emotion, he summoned to his study four a license, and laid in their stock. After of the largest and best boys in the school. this, their purses were reduced to a pret-

doctor, left the school building. For at the height of the gold fever. Trains air. two days and nights they were absent, of emigrants, in search of the precious

cover from the excitement attendent up-of the firm. He went to the bed, and, vessels. on the disappearance of our friend Bill, stooping down, drew from under it a and, even after years had elapsed, the gorgeously painted tin box—a specimen memory of the doughty deeds of Con of his artistic taste and ability. He and the sudden rise and departure of opened it, and drew forth a roll of bank- any notice of the pilot, and the crew When he pours forth his fierce harangues the once despised "butt" of the school, notes. Counting them over, he turned were considerably surprised when our was unmarked by any exciting adven-

they experienced but little difficulty in It is unnecessary to detail the many situating themselves so as to escape de-adventures of our travellers ere they side, the junk, her deck crowded with servants assumed arrogant pretensions, tection. Immediately upon their arrival reached California. Suffice it to say in the city, they proceeded to a cheap that, after they reached their journey lodging house in the Bowery. Here end, they found that mining life fell far the newly-risen moon, looked more like sive mortals, consequently there was a they managed to secure a sleeping place, below their expectations, and, after a few the faces of demons than of human be great deal of trouble in the household. more weeks of want and poverty, they ings.

Con had of his business capacity, and remarkably pleasant. Having a kind sailors poured a volley of pistol shots in-with whom the pompous butler was in told him so; but was conciliated by becaptain, and possessing the knack of ing assured by that gentleman that he adapting themselves to circumstances, considered himself better able to manage Con and Bill, after the qualms of seathings, on account of his previous exsickness had passed off, and they had here a satisfying bimself at the control of plates at the proposition of the herd of pirates. Many fell. In-love. The jealousy of the latter was exstended in a serious only incited them to further deeds of violence; and, in an incredibly short time, which resulted in an appeal to Mr. Mor-

gan his work by applying to the presi- They were sailing along the Chinese swearing, in broken English, vocifer- because I don't cringe and beg, said Con, dent of the railroad running westward. coast, when the first and only mishap of ously. for a free pass. He told his story in the voyage occurred. It was a fatal one. such a straightforward manner, and ap They had taken aboard during the first although taken at great disadvantage, man think themselves superior to you, parantly so frank, that the official felt part of the day, a native pilot. He was fought bravely, with their swords, pis- and get angry when I refuse to bow to inclined to believe him, and, after ques- a villanous looking subject; but, as he tols, and even fists. Con, in fact, after- their supreme majesties. I've thrashed tioning him as to his previous history, behaved himself, no one suspected that wards remarked that he believed he did two of them, and I'd do the same with

was very young, leaving me wholly de-them in the shape of twenty-five dol-while Con, Bill, and a few other seamen, of a battering-ram on the body of the who composed the watch, were on deck, pilot for a little while, and then sought

tinguished her to be, continued her After stripping the "Macao" of its

as you can, and steal off early to-mor-or you never will amount to anything. It looks bad. If it is a pirate craft, day they arrived at their destination they show considerable pluck in board-worse off than when they started from see. Boat ahoy! he shouted.

out of this, and with it we'll pay our All this time the pilot had preserved ges? queried Bill.

Bill was missed, and in his room was had been accustomed to put up in bygone found a note, stating that he had gone years. The landlord had forgotten him She's all right; little fun poker, he at She's all right; we'll take it. When shall to find Con, and that it would be useless and Con made no attempt to freshen his to attempt to discover what direction he memory. The first thing he did was to the wheel, but we begin?

Jest as soon as yer can.

The captain ordered that the rest of China. and then returned, looking tired, and metal, were constantly passing through, the crew be aroused, and also directed After innumerable fights with Chinaacting in a very cross and reserved man- or setting out from, St. Louis, bound for each sailor to arm himself with a pistol men and robbers of various nationaliner. In the course of events it trans the mines of California. Con determinand cutlass, without a store of which he ties, our sailors, at the end of four never ventured into Chinese waters. months, found themselves at Nankin, had been a search for the truant, which Bill, quoth he, how much money have which are thickly infested with yellow-looking out for a chance to ship. The skinned marauders, who make their liv-opportunity soon offered, and Con and It took some time for the school to re- Bill was the treasurer and accountant ing by attacking and robbing foreign Bill secured berths on board a ship

beying of this order, and the distribu- America. tion of ammunition, no one but Bill took

a voice that rang clear and distinct Moran, who lived in Devonshire.

Look where we are going to!

I'm going, and I'll tell you why, he gave him a free pass, also his good anything was wrong.

Both my father and mother died when I wishes, and a substantial evidence of At about eight o'clock in the evening, deadlier weapons. Bill played the part leave to-day. former were Con and Bill. Fortunately Con immediately suspected that some they found the oars of one of the boats, to earn my living by poring over musty I guess he had to be helped on when thing was wrong, for they had all their and, clinging to them, floated away from Is printed and published by the Proprie-

cargo, and killing their captives, the pi-Con straightway informed the officer rates fired the vessel and put out to sea.

a vessel bound for Hong Kong. Next had saved while in California, besides being without any means of earning a

We must find some work, and earn

Easier said than done, replied Bill. Not a bit of it, my hearties said a harsh voice immediately behind them. Eh? What did you say? asked Con.

I'll give you a job. What's the work, and what's the wa-

I will. And Bill started homeward, board and our fares into the theatre. the utmost silence; but Con, thinking Well, you know, I keep an eating that he might recognize the boat, asked 'ouse 'round the corner. I want waiters sward, wrapt in thoughts for the fu- So, for one evening, at least, the boys him what it was. Ism Chei, for that who kin jabber English. I'll 'ire you, forgot their troubles, and were happy. was the pilot's name, answered, in pas- if you says so. It isn't hard work; all sable English, that he guessed it was all you'll 'ave to do is put on a white apron, Next morning, much to the sorrow of Upon their arrival at St. Louis, Con right, but he wasn't sure; and, leaving and git vittles when they's called for.

ment, for most of the patrons of this en-

made this appearent error, he became were soon flying around in lively style, Among the waiters was another A-

four important bearers of state secrets, only by great exertion that they were enthe junk that they could make out quite but was now trying his hand at a new
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the junk that they could make out quite but was now trying his hand at a new trying his hand curious companions, hurried to their Bill was considerably disenchanted, a group of men huddled in the bow, and trade. He had been playing servant rooms and locked the doors; after a and Con greatly surprised; still they every now and then they could distin- for six months, and was heartily sick of short time they again made their ap-struggled on. Becoming desperate, Con guish an ominous flash of the moonlight, it. Under his guidance, Con and Bill ance, each carrying under his arm a racked his brains to devise some new as though some one of the nearing craft's explored the city, and soon as they could small bundle, and, accompanied by the means for gaining a subsistence. It was crew had moved a weapon through the do it, the three clubbed their funds together, and started out on a tour of

bound for England; while their compan-In the confusion attendant upon the ion on their tour shipped for South

Chapter V.

Their voyage to the "old country" hero caught that innocent-looking indi-tures; on the contrary, it was quite tedferocious jerk, caused him to measure up the Thames. Instead of shipping for his length upon the deck. Bill didn't America, as they had plenty of chances and kicking the victim of his ire in a and then started out into the count. ... manner entirely at variance with his They wandered about for a while, and grateful rascal," which action made the good doctor think that his pupil wasn't so much to blame, after all.

Con, accompanied by the aforesaid ward bound trains.

I'm agreeable, responded Bill.

Very well, then, answered Con. Let What's up? Stop beating that poor wretch! Hold on there! and kindred wretch! Hold on there! and kindred wretch! Hold on there! and kindred ward bound trains. the deck. To these cries Bill replied in garden, of a country gentleman named

> Although this work was disagreeable to our heroes, they were obliged to do it. They turned, and, to their horror, In addition to a longing for travel, which saw, scarcely six feet from the shir's they were obliged to curb, the upper men, whose swarthy countenances illu- and attempted to rule over them. They minated by the light of the lanterns and found our heroes anything but submis-Con was particularly unmanageable, and The crew paused. It was but for a made many enemies among the servants

to his employer, and I won't stand it. Our heroes, and their fellow-seamen, Why, your butler, coachman and foot-

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